

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 955

By Rinks

A RESOLUTION relative to the defense of the geographic territory and established boundaries of this State against all acts inconsistent with the sovereign authority of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the boundary between the State of Mississippi and the State of Tennessee was mutually determined in 1838 and statutorily described by Tennessee, a description now codified in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-2-106; and

WHEREAS, by referendum passed on November 6, 1990, the State of Mississippi repealed Article 2, Section 3 of the Mississippi Constitution that described the boundary between the states of Mississippi and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it now appears that the City of Corinth and the County of Alcorn in Mississippi have taken actions inconsistent with the sovereign authority of Tennessee by asserting that portions of the state of Tennessee are within the territorial limits of the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, a legal action styled *Alcorn County Electric Power Association v. Pickwick Electric Cooperative*, Alcorn County Chancery Court Number 2003-240(2), seeks a declaration that portions of McNairy County, Tennessee, are within the territorial limits of the State of Mississippi and are not within the boundaries of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we respectfully urge the Attorney General and Reporter of the State of Tennessee to take all actions necessary to ensure and defend the sovereign authority and territorial limits of this State consistent with the boundary mutually determined by Mississippi and Tennessee in 1838 and described in Tennessee Code Annotated § 4-2-106.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the Attorney General and Reporter of the State of Tennessee.